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Assistant Deputy Director/Administration (S)

2 April 1952

General Counsel

OGC Has Reviewed

Representation Allowance

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1. The attached request of 18 March from NEA for a representation allowance for the Senior CIA Representative in [REDACTED] merely states the amount of the allowance requested and the amounts of allowances given to the Service attaches. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] sets forth the bases for granting representation allowances. In brief, they are for "reasonable and officially necessary expenses" and may be granted "if warranted". Clearly this requires some justification as a basis for approval. The memorandum of 18 March presents no justification. The fact that the Army attache gets \$6,311.00 per annum as a representation allowance has no relation to whether or not the CIA Representative should get a representation allowance or how much he should get if one is necessary.

2. The pertinent facts may have been known to you personally, but in our opinion should definitely be restated in the record. If justified, we have no feeling at all as to the amount of the allowance. It should be enough only to fulfill the stated need. Allowances to other officers may be a useful guide but are in no sense binding.

3. Incidentally, it is unusual to give a military attache a "representation allowance" as such. Usually they are granted an entertainment allowance, which may be called a representation allowance and which is designed to reimburse for official entertainment of attaches and their staffs as the attaches themselves may deem necessary. It is possible that there has been confusion on this point in this case.

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Enclosure:

Original copy of Memorandum for
DD/Plans dated 18 March 1952
from Chief, Division of Near
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